FLAMES DRIVE 1,000 . FAMILIES FROM HOME.

Ten-Million-Dollar Conflagration at Paterson, N. J., Checked Only After Desperate Fight.

FANNED BY A FIERCE NORTHERLY GALE.

All Towns for Many Miles Around Send Apparatus to Assist the firemen-Relief Movement Began at Once and Outside Help Will Not Be Asked-Streets Closed at Night by Mayor's Order.

the other.

There was a series of explosions, and

cores of walls fell when the fire left them

onflagration over some buildings and

ground others, and it therefore burned in

an irregular course. These brands finally

lation wrought was nearly as great as in

Park avenue and Washington street and

swept almost unchecked until on these two thoroughfares there was no more fuel. On

te right hand side of Market street, it encountered Sandy Hill Cemetery as a barrier

to check it, but on the left hand side at Carroll street it climbed St. Joseph's

Church, a great classic stone building. It

was on this second great fire that the

volunteer firemen from the outside citie

did their most heroic and effective work

They fell back only when they had to and

when a natural obstacle interposed they

The final and one of the most desperat

fights of the day occurred in midafternoon back in the first fire area at the Hamilto

Club, situated at the corner of Church and Ellison streets. The handsome clubhouse

aught and the exhausted firemen were ral-

fied around it. They were anxious to save

the structure, and, besides, failure meant

that the fire might take new headway

among the properties adjoining the club

house. The building was doomed, but a tor

rent of water kept the fire to the premises

Ter four walls of the clubhouse stood, but

the roof collapsed and the interior was com

Paterson rests in a valley and the cor

flagration was an imposing spectacle from

the rim of hills that wall it in. Columns of flame climbed high in the air and shed

their light for miles. Hundreds of persons

hurried into the city before daylight to

watch the work of destruction at close

more joined them. The fire became a great

popular speciacle that claimed patrons from

New York and every outlying town in New

Jersey. They crowded the regular train

of the rallways operating through here and

compelled the dispatching of extra trains

Once in the city they crowded around the

stood in every street, but the crowds

passed under them unmindful of the warn

With the crowd came thieves and looters,

but there was not much pillaging. Under

orders from Governor Murphy, who hur-

ried here from Jersey City, Companies A.

C. K and M of the Fifth Infantry National

Guard, assembled at their armories and

The police, deputy sheriffs, hundreds of

special watchmen and firemen united it

protecting property during the day and

when night came a grim order clearing the

streets was issued by the city and county

Despite the precaution of the authorities

there was much confusion in the streets a

night. The destruction of wires left the

city in darkness save for the dull glov

given off by the acres of embers in the two

Hundreds of belated visitors crowded

around the depots and struggled in the dark

for places in the overcrowded trains. The

street railway system was also severely

impaired through the injury of its wires.

Early in the day the Mayor issued an or-

der forbidding the sale of liquor. It was no

obeyed, however, and there was consider

Three relief meetings were held during

the afternoon, the principal one of which

was attended by Governor Franklin Mur

phy, Mayor John Hinchliffe and Recorder

George B. Senior, who, under the city's

charter, is Fire Marshal. In a few mo

ments \$800 was handed to the Mayor for

said that, while the city had suffered a

terrible visitation, he was in a position to

say that there was very little distress. The

business section of the city had been prac

tically wiped out, but the residence portion

which suffered was that in which well-to-do

The armory of the Fifth Regiment was

made headquarters for the relief of any per-

sons desirous of assistance, but up to a late

hour no applicants for help visited the

GEORGIA TOWN IS FIRE SWEPT.

Bucket Brigades Make Little

Headway Against Flames.

Elberton, Ga., Feb. 9.-Fire here early to-

day destroyed nearly all the the business

section of this place, doing damage which is estimated at \$100,000. The city has no fire

protection and the bucket brigades formed

by citizens were of no avail in a tempera-

Among the firms burned out are: Stillwell & Govern, W. H. Corley, T. J. Holmes, E. B. Tate & Sons, two stores; the Tate block, livery stables of Hudgins & Maxwell, their horses turned loose and not recaptured; Tabor & Almond, S. O. Hawes, M. E. Maxwell, Joseph Cohen, the T. M. Swift block and the new plant of the Southern Bell Telephone Company. The Elberton light infantry lost all of its furnishings.

ture of 20 degrees and a high wind.

immediate use, but the Chief Magistrate

ing of the police and firemen,

THIEVES KEPT IN CHECK

were held as a reserve force

authorities.

able drunkenness.

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AND MILITIA UNDER ARMS.

pletely burned out

IMPOSING SPECTACLE

SEEN FROM NEAR-BY HILLS.

seized the chance and stopped the fire,

Paterson N. J. Feb 5. Gale-driven flames | went all of the splendid business structures except through twenty-six blocks in the | that surrounded it. They made a great heart of the city to-day, causing a property | furnace of fire that burned with a fierce loss of \$10,000,000 and driving from their homes nearly 1,000 families.

The conflagration burned its way through the business section of the city and claimed strengthiess. Flying fire brands carried the as its own a majority of the finer struc- conflagration over some buildings and tures devoted to commercial, civic, educational and religious use, as well as scores t dwellings. | cleared the tracks of the Eric Railroad There was but small tribute of life and in- | and Ramapo avenue, and alighting on

jury to the conflagration, but hundreds were | Straight street, started another great area left homeless and thousands without em-, of fires, in which the destruction and deso-

A relief movement for the case of those unsheltered and unprovided for has already SECOND CONFLAGRATION been organized and Mayor John Hincheliffe . BURNS ITSELF OUT.
said to night that Paterson would be able This second great fire started at the angle to care for her own without appenling to the charity of other communities and States. The great manufacturing plants are safe and the community, temporarily dazed by the calamity, has already commenced the

FIRE CRECKED ONLY AFTER HOURS OF DESPERATE BATTLE.

The fire came at last midnight and was only checked after a desperate fight that lasted until late this afternoon. Every city and town within reach of Paterson sent firemen and apparatus to the relief of the threatened city, and it took the united of forts of them all to win the battle.

A northerly gale gave the confagration

its impetus, and carried its burning brands kindle the blaze afresh at other points The firemen made stand after stand before the wall of fire, but were repeatedly driven back and when victory finally came to them they were grimed and exhausted

BANKS, SCHOOLS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS RUINED.

A partial list of the properties destroyed Public building, City Hall, Public Library

old City Hall, police station, No. 1 engine-house, patrol stables, High School, School Churches: First Baptist, Second Presby-

terian, Park Avenue Baptist, St. Mark's Episcopal, St. Joseph's Catholic.

Banks: First National, Second (partially); Paterson National, Silk City Trust, Hamil-

on Trust, Paterson Trust. Clubhouses: Y. M. C. A.; Knights of Co-

lumbus, Progress Club, St. Joseph's Hall, Hamilton Club Office buildings: Romaine building, Katz building, Marshall & Ball, Cohn building,

Old Town Clock Old Kinnebeg building Telegraph companies: Western Union

Theater: The Garden

Newspapers: The Evening News, Sunday

Stores: Quackenbush & Co., dry goods:

Beston Store, dry goods; Globe Store, dry goods; National Clothing Co.; Kent's drug store; Kinsella's drug store; Mussey's hardware and general merchandise; Marshall & Ball, clothlers; John Norwood, paints; Oberg's grocery; Vertendyke's grocery; P. H. & W. G. Shields, grocers; "The Pater dry goods; Jordan's plano store; Santer & Co., pianes; Feder & McNair. shoes; Sendiler's confectionery; Tappan's tea store; Ragowski's millinery; Brohal & Mueller shoes: C. E. Beach, automobiles Electric Co.; Skeye's drug store; McIntosh

ONE THOUSAND FAMILIES LEFT WITHOUT SHELTER.

An estimate made from general inspection of the smoldering ruins placed the number of dwellings and apartment houses de stroved at 50% and the number of families left without shelter at nearly 1,000. A reestimate when order succeeds confusion may alter those figures.

The fire began its work of far-reaching destruction at the power-house of the Jersey City, Hoboken and Paterson Traction Company, which fronted on Broadway and extended a block to the rear on Van Houten street. It commenced in the car shed and was burning flercely when one of the imployes detected it.

It was leaping through the roof and the gale was lifting it in forks and swirls when the fire apparatus came clanging into Broadway, Main and Van Houten. The fire men tried to hem it in, but it speedily crossed Van Houten street in one direction, Main street in another, and, gaining vigo as it went, burned unchecked down into the

VAIN EFFORTS MADE TO SAVE PROPERTY.

Every piece of fire mechanism in the city was called out, but the fire was master, A great torch rose high in the air, lighting the country for many miles and carrying threat and warning to the people and property in its path. There were efforts to res cue furniture and stock, but the speed with which the fire moved gave the rescuers lit tle time. Property was often moved to place of presumed safety, only to be even tually reached and destroyed. The warning to many was brief and they were forced to flee, scantily clad, into streets glazed over

with ice and swept by the keen wind. street was soon arched over with a canopy of fire for a block and then for tw blocks, as the flames fastened themselves upon building after building. The firemen fought with every resource of their craft and the impulse of desperation, but th flames found new avenues in Ellison and Market streets and got beyond all control. CALLS FOR RELIEF SENT

TO ALL NEIGHBORING TOWNS.

Calls for relief went out to every city in this portion of the State, and the jaded firemen labored on through hopeless hours of the morning. The City Hall, a magnift cent structure, surmounted by a great clock tower, situated on Washington, Ellison and Market streets, finally caught, and with it

KILLED WHILE RIDING ON AN AUTOMOBILE.

Collided With Steel Overhead Girder on Bridge Incline.

Regarded as Dangerous by Teamsters Using It as Short Cut to Bridge Roadway.

Harry Greenlee, a passenger on top of one of the Interstate Automobile Company's automobiles, which are operated between St. Louis and East St. Louis, was almost instantly killed on the east approach of the bridge yesterday shortly after noon. Fred J. Weinel, the chauffeur, attempted to cross from the north to the south side of the bridge at the platform midway up the approach, and Greenlee's head struck one of the steel bars in the railroad roadway overhead. The shock was so great that his skull was fractured in half a dozen places Doctor H. M. Little, who was immediately ummoned, found that life was almost extinct, and while he was temporarily preparing the man for the ambulance, Green

The decident is one which the drivers of high wagons constantly fear. The drive way between the northern and the southern sides of the bridge, and connecting with an ncline to the Levee, is much used by all classes of teams, as it is a short cut to the main bridge structure. The raffroad road way which forms a roof of steel over the platform is so low that many teamsters have to bend their heads and bodies in

passing beneath the structure. Persons who witnessed the accident sa that had Greenlee been a man of average size he would not have been injured. Greenlee was very tall and beavy. No blame is attached to Chauffeur Fred Weinel, who was under the impression that there was plenty of room to pass beneath th

railroad roadway.

The Interstate Automobile Company has been operating closed omnibus automobiles between St. Louis and East St. Louis for a week. Yesterday afternoon the crowds which gathered at the automobile sheds for a ride on the horseless vehicles were so great that the machine with seats on to was brought into requisition. This machin is intended for use only in the summer Chauffeur Welnel was placed in charge o the machine, which had made several trips across the bridge before the fatal accident. Greenlee was one of a crowd of East St. outsans who wanted to ride across th river in an automobile. The men gave way to the women and Greenlee with two other men, who disappeared after the accident.

clambered to the top. Greenlee had a rear seat, while the other men sat in front. It has been the custom for chauffeurs to run half way up on the north side of the Eads bridge and then cross underneath the "gilron" roedway to the south side. Weinel was running at the usual rate of speed and was passing beneath the railroad road-way when his attention was attracted by the cries of men and women on the bridge and the women in the automobile. He stopped the machine and the men who were on top with Greenlee clambered down and told him that Greenlee had been struck by a har underneath the railroad roadway. Weinel turned back to the automobile barn. Greenlee's body was removed to Kurrus's

morgue, where Coroner McCracken will hold the inquest this morning. Greenlee was 30 years old and lived i East St. Louis only two months, coming there from Belle Piain, In., where he leaves a widow. He was employed during hi residence here by the Baltimore and Ohio Rallroad Company in the capacity of

firemen and at times hampered them in SCHOONER ADRIFT AT SEA their work. Police lines were imposed and throughout the day the people poured in Lucania Reports Seeing a Deran endless stream through the desolate streets. Great Pinnacles of ruined brick liet Off Sandy Hook.

New York, Feb. 9.-The Cunard Lucanta reached her docks in this city to-day with Captain Alexander McKay, who has suc eeded his brother, Captain Horatio McKay

cesded his brother, Captain Horatio McKay, former Commodore of the Cunard fleet, retired, on the bridge.

Captain McKay reports fine weather all the way across until he reached the eastern edge of the banks. From there he says they had a lively gale all the way. When twenty-four miles off the Sandy Hook lightship at 5 o'clock yesterday the Lucaniasighted a four-masted schooner, sunk, with only her spars showing above the water. A flag, which could not be made out from the Cunarder, was flying from the schooner's mizzen. Captain McKay stood down toward the wreck until he was able to make out the wreck until he was able to make ou that no one was clinging to the masts. As hour later he passed a derelict.

ARE WANTED IN LINCOLN, ILL

George Riechmann and Chauncey C. Crawford Arrested.

George Riechmann, a saloonkeener at No 1100 Market street, and Chauncey C. Crawford, a broker, were arrested yesterday by Detectives Lawler and Shevlin on indictments in the possession of Sheriff Anton of Lincoln, Logan County, Illinois, charging them with complicity in burglary and

larceny. They were taken to Lincoln last night by the Sheriff of Legan County. Edward Steigler and Joan Wilson were arrested in St. Louis last October on charges of rebbing the bank at Emden, Ill., in of rebbing the bank at Emden, Ill., it November 28, 1900. It is charged that Ricch-November 28, 1980. It is charged that ricen-mann and Crawford purchased two county bonds which Steigler and Wilson had, and which, it is claimed, were stolen in the bank robbery. Riechmann and Crawford, it is alleged, were summoned to appear be-fore the Grand Jury, and at the trial in

MISS SCHLEY CAUSED UPROAR.

Accused Artists' Society of Discriminating Against Her Pictures.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL Milwaukee, Wis., Feb. 9.-The Society of Milwaukee Artists is in a state of turmoll Miss Jessie Schley, a cousin of Rear Admiral Schley, is the cause. The trouble began over the selection of pictures for the art exhibit in Chicago. Miss Schley asserts that while some of

the members of the society were permitted to send six or eight canvases she was cut out altogether. At a special meeting last week she made a formal complaint against this injustice and couched her objections in such forceful language that Artist Raab, she asserts, cried that if she were a man he would knock her of Miss Schley answered that if she we man they would treat her differently. Then Mr. Raab moved that she be expelled from the society, which motion was seconded by Mr. Mueller.

The matter was laid over until a special meeting, which will be held next Tuesday. It is said that unless Miss Schley is expelled many of the men will retire and the society will be threatened with disruption. week she made a formal complaint agains

BILLIONS TIED UP IN MONOPOLIES.

Harry Greenlee, Roof Passenger, Thomas W. Phillips of the Indus trial Commission Gives Start ling Figures.

SKULL WAS TERRIBLY CRUSHED GROWTH ALL IN RECENT YEARS.

Place Where Accident Occurred One-Fifth of the True Value of the Country's Wealth-Report to Congress Is Made Public.

Washington, Feb. 9.-Stored away in the niddle of a volume of a thousand pages, the final report to Congress of the Mc-Kinley Industrial Commission, which was made public to-day, is the most sensational talk about trusts and the need for congressional investigation that ever came from a Republican.

It comes from Thomas W. Phillips of Newcastle, Pa., who represented the Twenty-fifth Pennsylvania District in the Fifty-third and Fifty-fourth Congresses. While the commission, with practical unanimity, makes sweeping recommendations to Congress, Mr. Phillips breaks away from the majority, and with the utmost candor and detail quotes the admissions of trust magnates themselves to explain why, in his pinion, a serious menace in these great mbinations of capital is sweeping down on the Republic.

What the Majority Recommends The majority members of the commissionake recommendations providing:

That United States District Attorneys be authorized to institute pro ceedings for violation of the suff trust laws.

That trusts and combinations in restraint of trade "which by the con-sensus of official opinion are unlaw-ful" should be so declared by legis-lation uniform in all States.

That stringent laws be enacted by

Congress and State legislatures mak ing penal and criminal the discrimi-nation between customers and the cutting of rates in certain localities to destroy local competition and that these laws give to the camaged person the right to sue for and recove

prescribed penalties.
That to prevent overcapitalization
State legislatures enact laws similar to the nati-stock-watering laws of Massachusetts.

The commission also recommends the appointment of another commission to in-quire into the practice of some protected manufacturers of selling their goods at lower prices abroad than at home and to report "as soon as possible" what conces-sions and duties may be made without en-dangering wages and employment at home.

Enormous Growth Since 1860. Mr. Phillips, in his minority report, makes

his startling declaration: "AMERICAN RAILROADS, WHOSE MONOPOLY CHARACTER IS DAILY BECOMING MORE APPARENT, ARE STOCKED AND BONDED FOR ABOUT \$11,500,000,000 AND HAD NET EARN-INGS FROM OPERATION, AFTER PAY-ING TAXES, 1900-1901, of \$507,960,710, THIS MEANS THAT THESE SECURI-TIES ARE TO-DAY WORTH IN THE MARKET OVER \$10,000,000,000. IF WE ADD TO THIS THE \$4,000,000,00 STREET RAILWAY AND TELEPHONE THE \$3,000,000,000 OF SECURITIES OF OUR LARGEST SO-CALLED TRUSTS GRAPH, THERE LOOMS UP A VALUA-TION OF INDUSTRIES MORE OR LESS MONOPOLISTIC IN CHARACTER OF \$17,000,000,000, OR PROBABLY ONE-FIFTH OF WHAT THE PRESENT CEN-SUS WILL FIND TO BE THE ESTI-MATED TRUE VALUE OF ALL PROP-

LEADING TOPICS -IN-

ERTY IN THIS COUNTRY. THIS MO

NOPOLISTIC GROWTH HAS COME ABOUT ALMOST ENTIRELY SINCE

TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC.

THE SUN RISES THIS MORNING AT 58 AND SETS THIS EVENING AT 5:31 THE MOON SETS THIS EVENING AT

WEATHER INDICATIONS For St. Louis and Vicinity-Fair seather, with rising temperature. day and Tuesday: slowly rising temperature; diminishing northwest

1. Flames Drive One Thousand Families From Home. Killed While Riding on an Automobile Billions Tied Up in Monopolies,

Thirty Dollars for Seats at the Opera. Governor Dockery's Kansas City Coup Mysterious Death at San Francisco. Students Leap From Window,

SPORT ON PAGE NINE THIS

4. Those Who Perished in Empire Hotel

5. Bribery of Legislators Viewed as Work of Art. Two Fire Heroes Laid to Rest. Runaway Boys Held for Parents

6. Editorial. Stage News and Notes. Admiral Walker May Be Punished 7. Smallpox Epidemic in Many Cities Church Dedication at Bloomington.

8. Republic "Want" Advertisements Republic "Want" Advertisements. Picked Team Beat Jefferson Club, State University Athletic Sports. General Sporting News.

East Side News.

10. Sermons and Services at the Churches Absence of Support Weakens All Grain. Live Stock Markets. Produce.

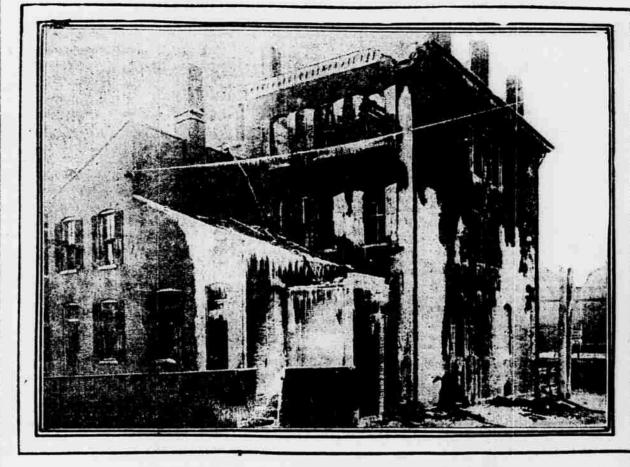
Senate Hostile to Statehood Plans, Jefferson Pictures in Porto Rico. Arrest Follows Romantic Marriage Senate to Consider the Phillip

ELEVEN KILLED, EIGHT ARE INJURED, IN MYSTERIOUS LODGING-HOUSE FIRE.

Guests at Empire Hotel Made Fierce Battle A Human Ladder Saved Two Lives-Room-

for Life in Burning Structure-Nearly All Asleep When Fire Started.

ers Cut Off From Escape Leaped From Windows.



RUINS OF THE EMPIRE HOTEL, WHERE ELEVEN LIVES WERE LOST.

The fire started while nearly all the occupants were asleep and several persons jumped from windows. From the three windows to the extreme right of the building two men were rescued by companions, who formed a human ladder.

DEAD.

MORRIS YALL, formerly of No. 1802 State street, Chicago,

JOHN C. LUEDERS, carpenter.

GEORGE W. THOMPSON, switchman, Chicago, VANCE MARLIN, holsting engineer.

J. A. McMULLIN, carpenter. S. P. CORY, telegraph operator, formerly of Hamilton, O.

TORE DAVIS clerk LIZZIE HARRIS, chambermaid.

A. J. ALLEN, stonemaron, Sedalia, Mo, Unidentified man, supposed to be C. E. CONSTANT, a carpenter

INJURED. JOHN LALLY, manager of lodging-house; sprains in back.

CORNELIUS RYAN, slight burns, HARRY CLINE, Marion, Ill.

GEORGE LANE, Rich Hill, Mo.

WALTER JOHNSON. HENRY ROBINSON, negro porter; severe burns.

WILLIAM CLARK, Chicago; bruised, ABE COWEN, Chicago; bruft

ESCAPED UNINJURED.

ROSS A WOOLSEY of Galesburg, Ill.; medical student JOHN MCMAHON, Corning, N. Y.

JOSEPH J. HART of Corning, N. Y. GEORGE SIEDELMEIER.

JOSEPH GODFREY.

JOEL LEE, eclectic physician.

F. M. NIESLEY of Chicago, 10. J C SHANNON

J. C. McCONNELL.

HARRY THOMPSON

F. P. COUTRAND

GABRIEL STURGEON of Columbia, Mo. J. FISHER conductor

UNACCOUNTED FOR. Unidentified man

Fire in the lodging-house at Nos. 2700 and 2702 Olive street, known as the Empire Hotel, yesterday morning, as reported in the late editions of the Sunday Republic, caused the deaths, mostly by suffocation and asphyxiation, of ten men and one woman. Though the mortality list was great the damage done to the structure and furnishings was comparatively inconsiderable.

The absence of tire escapes is to be the subject of an investigation. Building Commissioner Longfellow said he will begin the inquiry to-day.

Firement engaged in inspecting the rulns yesterday commented on the absence of fire escapes, and even of life lines. The fire started either in the base ment or on the first floor, tearing its way upward along the balustrade and double stairway to the third floor. A remarkable feature of the conflagration is that many of the rooms in which men were found dead were but little ravaged by the flames. Lace curtains, bedspreads, pictures, books and mural ornaments were not scratched in most apartments. Smoke and gases were the primal cause of

An alarm was turned in at 3:13 o'clock vesterday morning, but the fire apparently had been growing for fifteen or thirty minutes before it was observed. and doubtless the destruction of life was accomplished before the apparatus had time to reach the scene. The firemen arived at 3:28 o'clock. Eye-witnesses say that the firemen and polecemen did satisfactory work after that.

Thrilling escapes are recorded by survivors. John McMahon and Joseph J. Hart rescued their companions from the second floor by forming a human ladder. Cornelius Ryan escaped by racing down the steps through the gauntiet of flames. C. W. Park and J. Fisher, transit conductors, jumped from secondstory windows. Joseph Godfrey scaled the roof from a third-story window and dropped to the hard ground in the back yard. Similar experiences are related by others whose lives were spared. One man, supposed to be B, F. Woodley of Binghamton, N. Y., leaped from a third-story window and was killed by strik ing, head foremost, on a flagstone,

A pillow tossed out by John McMahon had \$50 in bills concealed under the slip. McMahon and his companions managed to get out their trunks. They say that many who died would have been saved had they exercised deliberation and not become excited. A life-line, as good as new, was found in the closet in the room of George W. Thompson. Lizzie Harris, the negro chambermaid, was suffocated. Her room was some distance from the fire, and nothing in it was even

William E. Gilliam, owner of the hotel and lessee of the buildings, is absent in Denver, Colo. His clerk, John Lally, informed him by wire early yesterday morning of the calamity, and Mr. Gillbam is expected to return immediately.

Three theories as to the origin of the fire are adduced, namely: That embers in the basement ignited feather ticks stored near the stairway; that some guests dropped a match or eigar on the carpet in the corridor, and that a flame from the furnace set the flooring afire. Mr. Lally says there was a small fire in the Henry Robinson, the negro porter, endeavored to arouse the negress cham-

bermaid, but was compelled to give up the search, the smoke and flames spread It is thought that those who perished were overcome by the smoke while

dressing themselves. Eighteen lives have been lost in fires in St. Louis within the last two weeks.

EIGHTEEN LIVES LOST IN A WEEK IN ST. LOUIS FIRES.

WILLIAM DUNDON, DANIEL W. STEELE,

MICHAEL J. KEHOE, CHARLES WESTENHOFF.

CHARLES KRENNING. FRANKLIN MCBRIDE.

Empire Hotel Victims MORRIS YALL.

B. F. WOODSLEY, JOHN C. LUEDERS.

GEORGE W. THOMPSON.

VANCE MARLIN. J. A. MCMULLEN,

S. P. COREY. TOBE DAVIS

LIZZIE HARRIS A. J. ALLEN.

Eleven lives were lost and eight men burned or injured at 3:30 o'clock yesterday morning in a fire that attacked the Empire Hotel, a bachelor apartment-house, at Nos. 200 and 2702 Olive street. Thirty-two guests. the negro porter and the negro ch were in the building, sound asleep,

when the conflagration started. their danger the entire interior of the hotel was enveloped in flams, with all means of exit cut off, and only those escaped who dared to run the gauntlet of flames or fling ing the ground in safety.

ate chances, and even some of those who died met death while making bold attempts to flee from smoke and fire. Thrilling experiences are related by all of the survivors and the wonder is, after all is told, that any one who roomed above the first floor lives

All whose lives were spared took desper-

to tell the story of his escape. Zero temperature prevailed when the fire began and the streets in the vicinity were

The negro porter, Henry Robinson, according to his own statement, was dozing. wrapped in a blanket, in a little office, on the Beaumont street side of the building. So far as is known all guests but one, Doctor Joel Lee, had gone upstairs and all but two of the twenty-four rooms were co-

No warning came from the street. By the time Cornelius Ryan, the first of the guests to observe the fire was awakened by the erscking of wood, a great wave of hot, red fire claimed possession of the banisters leading up to the third floor and clouds of black smoke curied around the building.

RYAN'S HURRIED ESCAPE FROM BURNING HOTEL.

Ryan's room was a small one on the secand floor, facing Olive street. Scenting danger he hastened to the door and opened it. The draft and flames forced the door wide open and hurled Ryan down on his back. Again he tried to face the danger, and again was knocked to the floor. The third effort was successful, and he dashed into the hall and ran, in his night clohtes, down the burning stairway to the front door.

Fire companies were on the way when Ryan made his hurried exit, but none bad yet arrived. Ryan shouted a warning and awakened John McMahon and Joseph J. Hart, two glass-cutters of Corning, N. Y. roomed together on the first floor. They tossed their clothes and pillows out through the windowpanes and shouted to William S. Clark and Abe Cowen, two Chicago glass-cutters, in the room above.

Cowen threw his window open and thrust his head out. As he did so a body from the third floor joited him and turned about in its descent, going down headforeing on the sidewalk, saw the man's head strike, with a jolt, on a white flagstone Cowen, who also witnessed this, became excited and prepared to jump. He was re-

FORM HUMAN LADDER

TO SAVE THEIR LIVES. McMahon then lifted Hart back into the room, Hart steadled himself on the window-sill, holding by his left hand to a shutter and reached his right hand toward Cowen. Clark lowered Cowen to Hart and to McMahon, who lifted him to the gro

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